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SUBJECT: CISCO 2

REF: (A) STATE 79007; (B) STATE 69338

1. CONGRESSMAN REUSS (D-WISCONSIN) HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON CURRENT SITUATION IN LIGHT OF EMBASSY'S LATEST REPORTS AND CONTINUES TO BE INTENSELY INTERESTED ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENT HARRELL.

2. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THE SABBE-AFEWORK RELATIONSHIP AND SABBE'S DEMONSTRATED INABILITY TO IMPLEMENT HIS VIEW THAT CISCO 2 SHOULD BE UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED. DEPARTMENT HAS NO ILLUSIONS REGARDING PRACTICAL VALUE OF AN APPROACH TO SABBE AT THIS TIME. IT MIGHT NEVERTHELESS BE USEFUL FOR EMBOFF TO APPROACH SABBE IF HE IS STILL IN THE KHARTOUM
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AREA INDICATING THAT ON THE BASIS OF FEB. 19 LETTER

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CONGRESSMAN REUSS RECEIVED FROM SABBE (REF B), REUSS ASSURED CAPTIVES' PARENTS QUOTE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO RELEASE THE TWO AMERICANS SOON AND THEY WILL HAND THEM OVER TO THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO REUSS, THE PARENTS PUT GREAT STOCK IN SABBE'S ASSURANCES AND ARE AT AT A LOSS WHY SUCH RELEASE HAS NOT BEEN EFFECTED.

3. WHILE WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD PRODUCE TANGIBLE RESULTS, IT PROBABLY WOULD DO NO HARM. IF ON THE OTHER HAND, EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH A MEETING WOULD ONLY FURTHER CONFUSE THE SITUATION OR PROVE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IN LIGHT OF MEETING WITH AFEWORK, IT SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED. KISSINGER

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